

Application for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Triagon Academy

Application reference
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This form is to be used to make an application for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Triagon Academy. All fields are mandatory unless otherwise specified. Please refer to the guidance on pages 13 to 16 Information on why we collect the information within this form is included in the guidance on page 15	
1. Applicant Name	Title: Surname/Family name: Forename(s): Preferred first name:
2. Previous Names (if applicable)	
3. Nationality	
4. Passport Number	
5. Biometric Number (if applicable)	
6. Have you previously studied with Triagon Academy?	☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes please give your Matriculation Number ☐ I have forgotten my Matriculation number
7. Permanent home address	Address: Postcode: Country: Tele: Mobile: Email:

8. Contact address (if different)	Address: Postcode: Country: Tele: Mobile: Email:
Research Degree Details	
9. In which year are you intending to start your studies?	
10. Please list the research degree area(s) and research degree topic(s) that you wish to study	Research Degree Area: Discipline: Research Topic:
Research Proposal	
11. Title of your proposed project or the subject area within which you wish to study:	
12. Please confirm that you have attached an outline research proposal:	☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Have you corresponded with any member of the <u>academic</u> staff at Triagon Academy about your wish to study at doctoral level?	☐ Yes – who? ☐ No
14. Please provide a short statement to explain why you are applying to read for a research degree at Triagon Academy (Max 200 words)	

Qualifications (University, College Education or Professional)						
Start date	End date	University or college attended ¹	Subjects studied	Full-time / Part-time	Qualifications awarded or sought, e.g. BA	Class or grade awarded or predicted outcome ²
15. Have you been awarded a prize or distinction for your academic work?			☐ Yes – please give details below ☐ No			
English Language Competence						
16. Are you from one of the majority English speaking country listed in Table 1 on page 8?			☐ Yes – which country? Now go to the section entitled Research Experience ☐ No - go to next question			
17. Have you completed a degree in the UK or from one of the majority English speaking country listed in Table 2 on page 8?			☐ Yes – which country? Now go to the section entitled Research Experience ☐ No - go to next question			
18. Do you hold a SELTS (Secure English Language Test) certificate or equivalent at level B2 or above?			☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes' please provide details including the scores. Name of test: Listening: Reading: Writing: Speaking: Date certificate issued: Please provide the name and address of the assessment centre:			
Research Experience						
19. Do you have prior experience of qualitative and/or quantitative research?			☐ Yes – please give details below (course code / title / description / credits awarded / year of completion / informal training) ☐ No			

20. Have you undertaken any research training?		Date course/module completed: Institution: Content of course/module:	
21. Have you earned credits from any of your research training or experience?		☐ Yes – how many? ☐ No	
22. Please list any publications or any other evidence of research experience			
Employment			
Start Date	End date	Position held	Name and address of employer
Current Employment			
Previous Employment			
23. How are you intending to finance your studies?		☐ I am paying my own fees ☐ My employer / organisation is paying my fees – please give details ☐ Other or combination of the above – please give details	
I have read and understood the above information ☐ Yes ☐ No (please contact the Research Degrees Team)		Signature: Date:	
Please provide the details of 2 referees who can comment on your suitability to study for a research degree (for example previous supervisor(s) or one employer and one academic)			
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
Email:		Email:	
Position held:		Position held:	

24. If the referee knows you by a different name please give details	
25. Can we contact your referees prior to interview?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Further information	
26. Where did you first hear of the research degree for which you are applying? (optional)	☐ Triagon Academy website ☐ Social Media ☐ findaphd.com ☐ FindaPhD fair ☐ Personal recommendation ☐ National press advertisement ☐ Advertisement in specialist publication ☐ Prompted to work with a specific Triagon Academy academic (Please give his or her name:) ☐ Other, please state:
Declaration	
27. I confirm that I have read and understood the Doctoral Regulations, and agree to comply with those conditions. I understand that Triagon Academy may, from time to time, be required by to amend the terms and conditions and Doctoral Regulations to reflect changes in relevant laws or regulatory requirements. If Triagon Academy is required to amend these conditions in such a way as it might have a significant or substantial effect on me or its relationship with me, Triagon Academy will endeavour to ensure that any change will not leave me in a less favourable position than I had enjoyed previously. For changes where the effect on me may be more significant, the Triagon Academy will also notify me prior to the change. I understand that the information I provide will be treated as confidential by Triagon Academy and will be made available to Triagon Academy staff and to the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority as appropriate, solely for the purposes of providing me with appropriate facilities and for statutory purposes. I hereby consent for the information to be processed for this purpose. By signing below, I confirm that the information I have provided is correct. Failure to declare or providing untrue or inaccurate information may lead to Triagon Academy withdrawing any offer made.	
Signature:	Date:
Date you are sending this form Attachments below included?	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Application form, fully completed ☐ Copies of degree certificates	☐ Copy of research proposal / statement / project description

☐ Transcripts of academic qualifications ☐ Certified translations of degree certificates and transcripts (if applicable) ☐ Copies of English language qualification certificates (if applicable) ☐ Copies of your passport or identification document ☐ Documentation supporting a change of name (if applicable)	☐ The contacts details for two independent referees ☐ List of publications or evidence of research experience (this can be provided within a CV)

Guidance Notes

What this form is for?	This form is to be used to make an application for an PhD at Triagon Academy.
Who should complete it?	The applicant should complete the form in full. Please read the 'Study Programmes' sections of the Doctor of Philosophy at https://www.triagon.mt/study-programmes/management-and-law/doctor-of-philosophy-phd/ before you complete this form. Complete the grey boxes where indicated and submit this form by email, together with any additional documents required (in doc, .jpeg or .pdf format). If you have any queries please contact the Doctoral Committee (email doctoral-committee@triagon.mt)
How it should be submitted	The form must be submitted by email to the doctoral committee on doctoral-committee@triagon.mt
Start date	The start date for doctoral students is normally 1 st November or 1 st May. This provides students with the opportunity to fully engage in and benefit from scheduled induction events. However, other start dates are also possible with this always being the 1 st of the month.
Short Statement in support of application	Please provide a short statement explaining why you are applying to read for a research degree at the University. If you are applying for part-time study please include an outline of the research facilities (e.g. library, third-party laboratories etc.) you anticipate you will need, and the name and address of the organisation(s) to provide them. Indicate against each whether or not you already have access to these facilities (e.g. as an employee of the organisation or other).
Qualifications	Please provide details of your first degree and any higher degrees or professional qualifications achieved. You must also include information about any study for which you are currently registered, and any previous study that you did not successfully complete. If your qualifications were not obtained as a result of formal study at a college etc., please state the basis on which they were awarded. Please give name of awarding body if different from university/college attended. If any of your qualifications were obtained under a name different from the one provided please ensure that you attach official documentation supporting the change of name e.g. a marriage certificate. Any document that is not in English or Welsh must be accompanied by a certified translation. The translator's credentials should be given along with their official declaration that the translation is accurate.
Language competence	At Triagon Academy, the language of instruction is English or German. You must have completed an IELTS test (or equivalent) in English and the language of instruction (if applicable) within two years of your registration date. An unconditional offer cannot be

	issued until you have passed your language test and provided evidence to the Doctoral Committee.
Employment	Please give details of your employment history, starting with your current or most recent employer.
Referees	Please name two independent people whom Triagon Academy Doctoral Committee can consult in confidence regarding your application. At least one referee should be a tutor or other member of the academic staff of the university or college at which you most recently studied. If you previously studied at Triagon Academy at least one of the referees must be someone outside the Academy. References from potential supervisors will not be accepted. The referees' reports may be requested before or after any interview to which you may be invited.

Table 1:

Applicants from the following countries are exempt from the requirements to provide an English language test certificate.

• Antigua and Barbuda	• Guyana
• Australia	• Jamaica
• The Bahamas	• New Zealand
• Barbados	• St Kitts and Nevis
• Belize	• St Lucia
• Canada	• St Vincent and the Grenadines
• Dominica	• Trinidad and Tobago
• Grenada	• United States of America

Table 2:

Applicants with a degree from the following countries are exempt from the requirements to provide an English language test certificate.

• Antigua and Barbuda	• Jamaica
• Australia	• New Zealand
• The Bahamas	• St Kitts and Nevis
• Barbados	• St Lucia
• Belize	• St Vincent and the Grenadines
• Dominica	• Trinidad and Tobago
• Grenada	• United States of America
• Guyana	

Official Research Proposal (3000 words)	
Title of your proposed PhD:	
Introduction (25 %)	
• Introduction to the Topic ○ Contextual background and importance of the topic. ○ Brief introduction to the broader field of study. • Precise Statement of the Specific Question ○ Clear and concise articulation of the research question. ○ Specific aspects or sub-questions to be addressed. • Explanation of the Relevance ○ Scientific Relevance: ▪ How the research fills gaps in existing knowledge. ▪ Potential to advance theoretical understanding. ○ Practical Relevance: ▪ Real-world applications and benefits. ▪ Implications for industry, policy, or practice.	
Main Part (60%)	
• State of Research ○ Comprehensive review of current literature. ○ Summary of key findings from previous studies. ○ Critical analysis of existing research methodologies and outcomes. ○ Identification of unresolved questions and research gaps. • Development of the Research Project ○ Detailed objectives and aims of the research. ○ Formulation of hypotheses or research questions. ○ Selection and justification of research methods (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods). ○ Rationale for chosen methodology and its alignment with the research goals. • Development of the Analytical Framework ○ Definition of important terms and concepts. ○ Description of analytical techniques and tools. ○ Explanation of how the analytical framework will be applied to the research data.	
Work Plan (15%)	
• Main Research Steps ○ Outline of key stages in the research process: ○ Literature review ○ Data collection ○ Data analysis ○ Writing and revision ○ Logical progression of research activities. • Time Specifications ○ (Optional) Timeline indicating the duration of each research phase. ○ Key milestones and deadlines for completing various steps.	
Ethical Considerations – describe any possible clearance your research requires from the Ethics Committee. If there are ethical considerations, then indicate the ethical issues at play.	

Key references – include at least ten core references that you are basing your research on

Publications and Presentations at Conferences – list any conferences where you have presented your academic work and or publications